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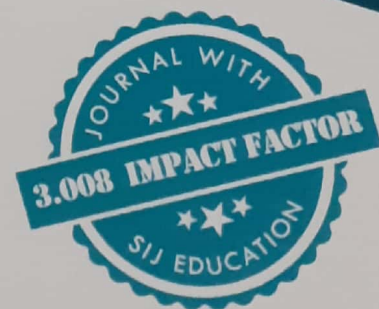
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LEARNING STYLES AMONG XI STANDARD HISTORY STUDENTS IN SALEM DISTRICT

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Learning styles are personal ways in which individual process in the course of learning new concept, principles etc. A learning style is a student's consistent way of responding to and using stimuli in the context of learning. Learning styles differ from individual to individual. For the same individual, they differ from subject to subject.

Kemp, Morrison, Ross, (1998) defines learning style achieved by a learner is one of the most important factors which indicate the success of learning environment. It is important to take account of characteristics, abilities and experience of learners as individual or as a group when beginning to plan a learning environment.

Kneef (1979) defines learning styles as the "composite of characteristic cognitive, affective, and physiological factors that serve as relatively stable indicators of how a learner perceives, interacts with, and responds to the learning environment"

Learners are central to the teaching-learning process. Every student follows its own unique way to learn and process information. They learn material in different ways. The learning style of individual facilitates learning of certain subjects and debilitates learning of certain other subjects. Knowledge of learning styles of individuals could help the teacher to identify the styles, which could facilitate learning of different subjects. A study of learning styles could help to find out the influence of prominent learning styles on the learning of the individuals. Hence the need for the study.

Terms and Definitions

"Learning Style" refers to habitual patterns of perceiving, processing, or reacting to information.

"XI Standard Students" refers to the learners who are studying in XI standard under Tamil Nadu State Board Syllabus in Salem District.

"History" refers to the provide knowledge about history subject.

Variables of the Study

Dependent Variable

Learning styles

Independent variables

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| 1. Gender | : Male/Female |
| 2. Residence | : Day scholar / Hosteller |